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GOODWILL SERVES RECORD NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN 2018

*Local Nonprofit Helped More Than 49,800 People Across Six Counties,
Placed 10,700 in Jobs*

ORLANDO, Fla. (Feb. 4, 2019) – Across the board, 2018 was a stellar year for [Goodwill Industries of Central Florida](#).

The nonprofit organization served a record number of 49,863 individuals by connecting them with resources and job training. Goodwill placed 10,768 of those people with local employers, a nearly 33 percent increase over 2017.

“The people we help want to work; they just need a chance,” said Nima Hodaei, president and CEO of Goodwill Industries of Central Florida. “Despite a record-low unemployment rate in Central Florida, we’re seeing a steady stream of individuals seeking our services. These individuals may be working, but need higher wages, or a second job.”

At all 11 Job Connection Centers across Orange, Osceola, Seminole, Lake, Brevard and Volusia counties, job placement specialists work with participants to assess their skills and strengths, build an employment plan, help with resume writing and prepare for a job interview. Goodwill also connects people with education and certification opportunities, such as computer training and teaching English as a second language.

About Goodwill Industries of Central Florida, Inc.

Since 1959, Goodwill Industries of Central Florida has provided vocational and job placement services to hundreds of thousands of people with disabilities and other barriers to employment. With 28 retail stores, 23 Donation Xpress locations and 11 Job Connection Centers in Orange, Seminole, Osceola, Brevard, Lake and Volusia counties, Goodwill directly channels more than 90 percent of its annual revenue into programs that enable individuals to secure long-term employment and become self-sufficient. For more information about Goodwill Industries of Central Florida, visit www.goodwillcfl.org, “like” Goodwill Industries of Central Florida on Facebook or follow @goodwillcfl on Twitter.